

Children's Pollinator Gardens



The Dragonfly: “Predator Pollinator”

- Approximately 140 species in Minnesota, worldwide 7,000,
— primarily in the tropics
- Lifestages: egg, nymph, adult
- Eggs are dropped in water or on water plants
- Lifespan: Immature “nymphs” up to 5 years in water
Adults live a few days to 5 weeks
- Most Common in Minnesota: Elfin Skimmers
- Predators: often eat mosquitos “on the fly”, can travel
at speeds up to 35 mph
- Cold blooded: warm up in the sun, head down/tail up
to avoid sunburn
- Rest on plants: picking up pollen accidentally
- Found in historical records dating back 300 million years

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